(c) Any service in any hospital or dispensary in any Union Territory, cantonment area or undertaking owned or controlled by the Central Government is an essential service under the Act.

(d) In exercise of the powers available under the Essential Service Maintenance Act, 1981, Delhi Administration issued a notification on 10th November, 1986 prohibiting strikes in any service in or in connection with the working of hospitals or dispensaries in the Union Territory of Delhi. The notification was valid upto 9th February, 1987.

1021. [*Transferred to the 30th April*, 1987].

Change of religion by Indians working in Arab Countries

1022. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian nationals have applied to the Indian Diplomatic Missions in 1985 and 1986 in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Muscat, Baharain and Iran for changing names in their passports because of change of religion from Hinduism and Christianity to Islam;

(b) how many of them were women; and

(c) whether any of these countries gives monetary or other incentives to people who embrace Islam and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected from the concerned Indian Missions and Posts abroad and the same will be placed on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Indian Board for Wildlife

1023. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) when the Indian Board for Wildlife was constituted;

(b) what are the names of the members of the Board and what are the functions of the Board;

(c) what are the major recommendations made by the Board during the last three years;

(d) to what extent these recommendations have been implemented; and

(e) what are the details of the expert committees constituted by the Board for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Indian Board for Wildlife was initially constituted in the year 1952.

(b) The names of the present members of the Board, appointed in 1985. and the functions of the Board, are given in Statement-I. (*See* below.)

(c) and (d) The major recommendations of the Board at the only meeting during the last three years and the action taken thereon, are in Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) The Board has constituted three Expert Committees on (1) Birds (2) Zoos and (3) Flora.

Statement-I

List of Present Members of Indian Board for Wildlife

1. Chairman	Prime Minister of India
2. Vice Chairman	Union Minister of Environment and Forests.
3. Shri Prithibi Manjhi (Member of Rajya Sabha)	Member
4. Shri Ajay Mushran (Member of Lok Sabha)	Member
5. Shri Digvijay Sinh (Member of Lok Sabha)	Member
6. Chairman, Animal Welfare Board	Member
7. President, Bombay Natural History Society	Member
8. President, Board of World Wildlife Fund	Member
9. President, Wildlife Preservation Society, Dehradun.	Member
10. President, Wildlife Association of South India, Bangalore.	Member
11. Chairman, Assam Valley Wildlife Preservation Society.	Member
12. Shri Duleep Matthai	Member
13. Begum Zehra Ali Yavar Jung	Member
14. Shri J.C. Daniel	Member
15. Shri Brijendra Singh	Member
16. Shri Naresh Bedi	Member
17. Shri U.N. Dev	Member
18. Shri M.Y Ghorpade	Member
19. Shri Arjan Singh	Member
20. Shri P.C. Das	Member
21. Shri Bittu Sehgal	Member
22. Secretary, Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife	Member
23. Secretary, Ministry of Defence	Member
24. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance	Member
25. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce	Member
26. Secretary, Department of Education	Member
27. Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting	Member
28. Inspector General of Forests, Department of Forests and Wildlife	Member
29. Director General of Tourism	Member

30.	President, Forest Research Institute & Colleges, Dehradun	Member
31.	Director, Wildife Institute of India	Member
32.	Director, Zoological Survey of India	Member
33.	Director, Botanical Survey of India	Member
34.	Representative from Assam	Member
35.	Representative from Arunachal Pradesh	Member
36.	Representative from Himachal Pradesh	Member
37.	Representative from Jammu and Kashmir	Member
38.	Representative from Karnataka	Member
39.	Representative from Madhya Pradesh	Member
40.	Representative from Orissa	Member
41.	Representative from Rajasthan	Member
42.	Representative from Tamil Nadu	Member
43.	Representative from Uttar Pradesh	Member
44.	Joint Secretary and Director, Wildlife Preservation, Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife	Member-Secretary

The functions of the Board shall be:—

(i) to advise the Central and State Governments on ways and means of promoting conservation and effectively controlling poaching of wildlife through coordinated legislative and practical measures with particular reference to seasonal and regional closures and the declaration of certain species of animals as protected animals and the prevention of indiscriminate killing;

(ii) to promote public interest in wildlife and on the need for its preservation in harmony with natural and human environment;

(iii) to advise on the setting up of national parks, sanctuaries and zoological gardens;

(iv) to advise the Government on policy regarding export of living animals, trophies, skins, furs, feathers and other products of wildlife;

(v) to assist and encourage the formation of wildlife societies and to act as a Central Coordinating Agency for all such bodies;

(vi) to review from time to time the progress in the field of wildlife conservation in the country and suggest such measures for improvements as are considered necessary;

(vii) to perform such other functions as are germane to the purposes for which the Board is constituted.

(viii) to advise the Central Government on any matter that it may refer to the Board, provided the subject matter of the reference falls within the prescribed functions of the Board;

(ix) to do all such other things either alone or in conjunction with others or on the direction

of the Government of India, which the Board may consider necessary, advisable or conducive to the preservation and conservation of wildlife or for other similar purpose for which it is constituted, including those mentioned herein.

Statement-II

Major Recommendations	Implementation
1. Permanent solution to the problem of elephant depredation lies in improvement and restoration of elephant habitats and corridors linking those habitats.	States have been advised to enlarge and better conserve the habitats and maintain effective corridors and States have initiated this task.
2. To control individual elephants doing damage the State Government of Assam may be permitted to capture 100 elephants in 1985-86, subject to certain stipulations.	Assam Government have captured elephants without implementing stipulations prescribed.
3. Government of India may similarly examine and decide on a similar proposal from Meghalaya.	This has been done.
4. Cooperation may be obtained from the Armed Forces in the conservation of protected areas.	This has been sought and cooperation has been forthcoming.
5. The evluation to determine the best managed Wildlife Reserve of the country be done by a special Committee which was set up.	The Committee constituted for the evaluation of the best managed Wildlife Reserve has submitted its recommendations which has been accepted by the Standing Committee of the Indian Board for Wildlife.

Posting of police personnel at the Indira Gandhi International Airport

1024. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Police Commissioner at Indira Gandhi International Airport has written to the Delhi Police Headquarters indicating that a sizeable number of their personnel on deputation at the Airport are unfit for security duty; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what corrective steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Deputy Commissioner of Police, International Airport, had requested for posting of young and educated officers for the security arrangements at the Airport complex. It is correct that the performance of some Police officers on deputation from Central Police Organisations was not upto the mark in the beginning when they were inducted into Airport Security jobs as they were unfamiliar with the work. However, with the training given to them and after gaining experience, there has been a lot of improvement in their performance and they are now fully attuned to Airport security duties.